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Udaan, the flight of our dreams.

Welcome to 'Udaan' the ANKUR Newsletter

their genius for everyone to devour! If you would like to let us know about any of your outstanding professional or academic achievement to share it with the community, write in to us and read it in the next edition!

As you all know, the new ANKUR board came to office mid-April this year. We, as an excited group, want to increase the scope of activities in the Indian Graduate student community, and wish to make IGSA a more proactive, outgoing and visible entity at the university. As a result, you will see a lot more events being organized by ANKUR, over the next two semesters. Indian folks are a huge lot at the university, and hence each of us is constantly asking ourselves how can we interact, create refreshing distractions and make life more fun. That is exactly what we want to share with you.

Well, to start off, lets meet at the Fresher's Bash (Reloaded!) on September 8th, to welcome our newest friends on board. (Watch out for some cool ANKUR videos during the event!). On September 29th, we bring to you the Cross-Cultural forum which ANKUR is co-hosting with the Office of Cross-Cultural Leadership Development (CCLD). We are inviting panelists from the organizations of five different nationalities in the University for a free-wheeling discussion on acculturation and life in the US (in short...what they expected and what they got!). This promises to be a humorous, light, no-holds barred conversation where the audiences will have a chance to pose a few

questions (or shall we say 'rag') to the panelists. We invite our new members to attend this event to realize that life away from home can be fun. Those of you who have already been through the ordeal of acculturation will find some anecdotes to relate to. By the way, did you ever have anyone give you bad looks for your accent?

Wait! There's more! In the first week of October, join us for a day of fun and frolic at the ANKUR Indian Coffee House, where we recreate India inside a hall - complete with traditional Indian snacks, chai or kaapi, mehndi, saree, handicrafts... you name it! And the best part is you get to put up your own stall and be a host! More details will follow. Watch this space closely.

Finally, we bring the semester's festivities to a grand finale with the Diwali function. Plans are already under way to make it even bigger than ever!

We wish to sincerely thank all wonderful ANKUR members who helped us with airport pickups and temporary accommodations for this year's incoming students. We appreciate all your help in putting this together.

Here's wishing you all a Happy Independence Day and we will keep meeting you at ANKUR functions! Keep reading the Newsletter or visit our website for all event updates.

Cheers,
ANKUR BOARD '07

Dear ANKUR Members,

It is with great pleasure that we bring forth this monthly newsletter, more so because this is the first time this has been attempted and we are very excited about it! Our idea is to make this a good medium of communication within the entire ANKUR community. We would like all the members to be active participants in some way or the other, in each edition of this newsletter, in order for it to grow.

How can you be a part of this newsletter? Well, all you need to do is send us a write-up, an article, an anecdote or anything that you would like to share with the community, which you think, would make for interesting reading. We invite all the writers, poets, scientists and philosophers in ANKUR to pour out